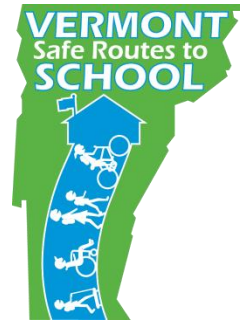


# Vermont Safe Routes to School Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 8:30-3:30pm  
Three Stallion Inn, Randolph, VT



**8:30-9:00am**

**Registration**

**9:00-9:15am**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**9:15-10:00am**

**Opening Presentation: The New Family Car...A Bike?**

Many of us say that we want to promote bicycling, but we hardly ever say what a bike is. This presentation examines the new cargobike designs and electric-assist options that are extending the range, comfort, carrying capacity (kids & cargo), and hill climbing ease of bikes. We'll consider why transforming the bicycle into something far more useful and appropriate for our lives, as well as for our Vermont terrain, may have the potential to radically expand the role of bicycle transportation for families, seniors, and many others. In light of facing up to the global ecological challenges and to begin countering a car-centric culture that is undermining healthy relationships to our bodies and to the social and ecological worlds we inhabit, the presentation also explores why in this moment it is so essential to rethink the bicycle.

*Dave Cohen is a psychotherapist and an ecopsychologist in Brattleboro, VT, blending body-oriented and mindfulness therapies with approaches that draw on the healing potential of the natural world. As founder of Pedal Express, a nationally-recognized cargobike delivery service in Berkeley, CA, Dave continues to ride and promote really big bikes for everyday use. He and his family are sighted nearly daily on their bright orange Yuba ElMundo e-cargobike in the Brattleboro area.*

**10:00-11:00am**

**Peer Presentations: Finding the Right Strategy for Your School Community**

Three exemplary Safe Routes to School partners will share their experiences implementing programs. We'll look at programs in three different types of communities: rural schools, small villages, and larger urbanized settings. Each will demonstrate how Safe Routes to School programming can be successful in a community of any size, and discuss their unique challenges.

**11:00-11:10am**

**Break**

**11:10am-12:10pm**

**Review and Roundtable Discussion**

Discuss your challenges, strengths, and successes with peers in this interactive session:

**12:10-12:45pm**

**Lunch & Awards**

Celebrate successful partners and award-winning Safe Routes efforts!

**1:00-3:00pm**

**Local Motion: On-Bike Training & the Bike Loaner Program**

Local Motion will show us around the Kohl's Kids Bike Smart Trailer, a traveling resource available to all Vermont Schools, providing tips and tricks to get the most out of this popular resource. Local Motion will demonstrate how schools can equip their students with the skills needed for safe and active transportation.

**3:00-3:30pm**

**Closing & Evaluation**

We'll wrap up the day with lessons learned and announce the winners of our SRTS Gear raffle!